United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York Attorney for Third-Party Defendant Morris Heights Health Center By: PETER M. SKINNER (PS-9745) Assistant United States Attorney 86 Chambers Street, 5th Floor New York, New York 10007 Tel.: (212) 637-2601 Fax: (212) 637-2730 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
LUZ M. VEGA, AN INFANT, BY HER PARENT AND NATURAL GUARDIAN, MANUELA VALENTIN, AND MANUELA VALENTIN, INDIVIDUALLY,	: : : : <u>CERTIFICATION</u>
Plaintiffs,	: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
THE BRONX-LEBANON HOSPITAL CENTER, ILIANA ROBINSON, M.D.,	: Index No. 13286/04 : Supreme Court of the State
Defendantsx THE BRONX-LEBANON HOSPITAL CENTER,	of New York (Bronx County)
Third-Party Plaintiff,	: : :
v	:
MORRIS HEIGHTS HEALTH CENTER,	
Third-Party Defendant.	

I, MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 233 and 28 U.S.C. § 2679(d), and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Attorney General under 28 C.F.R. § 15.4, hereby certify, on the information now available, that third-party defendant Morris Heights Medical Center was acting within the scope

of its employment at the time it rendered medical treatment and care to plaintiff Manuela Valentin, and that, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 233(g), Morris Heights Medical Center is deemed to be an employee of the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Dated: New York, New York April 3_, 2007

> MICHAEL I. GARCIA Jnited States Attorney

Southern District of New York